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#### REMEMBERING PRIVATE FIRST CLASS GEORGE D. TORRES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California (Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor and pay tribute to all of the brave men and women across the nation who have given their lives in defense of the freedoms we enjoy every single day, and all who leave behind families who miss their sons and daughters.

I'd like to speak specifically about the life of one of my constituents, Private First Class George D. Torres, who was recently killed in combat in Iraq.

Private Torres was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force at Camp Pendleton. He was only 23 years old at the time of his death, and was killed in Al Anbar Province, Iraq due to enemy fire.

Mr. Speaker, the fifth of six children, Private First Class Torres joined the Corps in march of last year, and had just been overseas a month before his death.

As our soldiers, who removed Saddam Hussein from power, aim to protect the peace while a transitional democratic government run by the people of Iraq is being established, our troops are in a very dangerous situation.

Mr. Speaker, George was aware of the realities of military service, but always wanted to join the Marines, and "was very proud" after he returned to school and earned the high school diploma he needed to enlist, telling his sister that if he had to go serve in Iraq, then he'd go.

A Dodger's fan, he was known for his outgoing personality and in the words of his girlfriend, "was the best person in this world."

A memorial Web site set up for George Torres has received numerous emails, which is a testament to the strong relationships George built during his all-too-short lifetime.

His loving family, sisters Oralia Cisneros, Olga and Evelyn Torres, brothers Fernando Torres Jr. and Francisco Torres, and his parents, Fernando and Genoveda Torres, survive Torres.

I would like to extend my condolences to the family and friends of Private First Class Torres, and my thoughts and prayers are with his family during this difficult time. George's valiant service to his country will be greatly remembered.

We owe him a great deal of gratitude for his service to a country he loved.

#### KERRY ATTACKS ON BUSH SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY RECORD

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. SMITH) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I chair the Subcommittee on Research on the Committee on Science, and I am very concerned that science and technology should not be in the partisan political arena for this election in November.

At a speech in Denver on Monday, JOHN KERRY kicked off a week of campaign politics focused on science and technology policy. He attacked President Bush for putting politics over science and promised to reinvigorate American innovation. As chairman of the House Subcommittee on Research, and a long-time advocate of expanded support for science and technology, I suggest Mr. KERRY is putting politics before science.

In the strongest possible way, I urge this issue must remain bipartisan. Even in today's highly charged political environment, I am disappointed that Senator KERRY has chosen to politicize science, and I feel compelled to respond to his misleading and actually sometimes false statements and attacks on this administration.

Senator KERRY's fact sheet promises to support scientific research based on facts, not ideology, and I respectfully suggest that a good place for the Senator to start would be to minimize the distortion of facts and ideological rhetoric that are so prevalent in his very own press releases on this subject.

A quick review of the Senator's recent press release on science and technology and its accompanying letter of endorsement, signed by some Nobel prize winning scientists, reveals several distortions and factual errors that should be brought to light. They include: Failure to disclose backgrounds of Democrat party activism by these scientists.

The KERRY campaign touted the endorsement of 48 scientists, as if they were speaking on behalf of the welfare of science and discovery itself. But, in fact, it is clear these scientists are, collectively, also very passionate liberal ideologues with an extensive record of support for the Democratic party.

Twenty-two of Senator KERRY's Nobel endorsers show up on the Federal Election Commission, the FEC Web site, as having donated \$25,000 to Democrats for every \$1,000 donated to Republicans. To repeat: \$25,000 to the Democrats for every \$1,000 to Repub-

licans. Obviously, some bias for the Democrats.

The lead organizers of the letter, Burton Richter, Harold Varmus, and Mario Molina, announced their support for KERRY in a conference call as though they were nonpartisan objective observers that had no choice but to reluctantly support KERRY's campaign.

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But by way of their public record of financial support for Democratic candidates, Richter, Varmus and Molina have consistently used their names outside of science, donating \$13,950 to Democrats such as Wesley Clark, Al Gore, BARBARA BOXER and Bill Bradley.

If Senator KERRY wants to limit the exploitation of science for political gain, he should start by fully disclosing the history of political contributions by his prize-winning supporters, most of whom have had their research supported from government funds.

One of Mr. KERRY's false claims: The KERRY campaign "fact sheet" begins by stating that, "George W. Bush has led one of the most antiscience administrations in our Nation's history," and goes on to claim that the President "has proposed cutting research and development in most nondefense research programs through fiscal year 2009."

This projection is in fact not a Bush administration proposal but, rather, a particular result of the AAAS, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, that is based on multiyear revenue and spending projections, combined with the administration's goal to halve the deficit in five years. In short, it is not correct.

Let me report the assumptions that were made in reality, and what is grounded in reality is in the Bush administration and this Congress, there has been a stellar record of support for science and technology funding. By almost every measure, funding for science and technology under President Bush's watch has increased dramatically.

Since the President took office in 2001, Federal support for R&D has increased by 37 percent after adjusting for inflation, growing from \$78 billion to \$107 billion in constant 2000 dollars.

By comparison, Federal support for R&D actually decreased 4 percent in President Clinton's first term, going from \$77.4 billion in 1993 to \$74.4 billion the last year of Clinton's term (source: FY 2005 budget, historical tables).

False Claim of America's Scientific Demise. The title of Senator KERRY's press release, "Kerry Pledges to Once Again Make America the Leader in Science," is emblematic of the pessimistic approach to America he has taken with his campaign. If JOHN KERRY doesn't think America is the world leader in science and technology, what country does he think is better?

The truth is, by every measure, the United States is far and away the 800-pound gorilla when it comes to science and technology. The challenge is keeping it there and not letting it